

March 15, 2010

Greetings from the U.S. Mission to Ecuador. The following message is part of our program to keep American citizens visiting or residing in Ecuador apprised of information that may affect them.

Due to construction in the Consular Section, beginning Monday, March 15 and ending Wednesday, March 31, non-immigrant visa and American Citizen Services hours will be altered temporarily. Non-Immigrant visa appointments will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the morning, as normal, but the last applicants will be scheduled to arrive at 9:00 a.m. Those applicants who have appointments scheduled for 9:00 a.m. may, unfortunately, experience longer than average wait times to complete their interviews; however, the Consular Section will work to process these applicants as quickly as possible.

American Citizen Services hours during construction will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will last until 12:30 p.m. ACS services include: notarials and adoptions, immigrant visas, passport and Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) applications and other ACS walk-in services. These hours will also include service for Federal Benefits (Social Security) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays only. During the construction, please be advised that public inquiry telephone hours for American Citizen Services, including Federal Benefits, will *temporarily* shift to Monday through Thursday between the hours of 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thank you.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Please see the following links for local warden message information in Quito and Guayaquil, respectively, <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov> and <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>.

U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) is (011) 593 2 398 5000 X3800. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. See also the Embassy web site at <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov>. *Regularly scheduled* public telephone inquiries for American Citizen Services are Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>.